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Dr. Ting Wen Hui – President SEAGS from 1982 – 1985: Senior most Geotech Personality in Malaysia



Dr. Ting was born in Kuala Lumpur on 5th June, 1936. He graduated from the University of Malaya in 1958 and in the same year joined the Public Works Department (PWD) in Malaya (now known as Peninsular Malaysia). While still in the PWD, he was sent to Ohio State University (USA) and obtained a Master Degree in Soils and Highway Engineering in 1961. Later he went to Cambridge University U.K., where he carried out research on properties of soft clays and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1968. In the Public Works Department he was actively involved in the Subang International Airport Project and the Widening of the Johore Causeway. He then looked after the PWD Soil and Materials Laboratory and in that capacity was involved in numerous Highway, Airport, Ports and Building projects mostly dealing with material, soil and foundation problems.

After leaving PWD, from 1973 to 1978 he taught at the University of Malaya where he lectured on Soil Mechanics and Foundation. From 1978 he became a Consulting Engineer continuing his practice in the field of Highway, Airports and Foundations Engineering as well as in the Special field of Geotechnical Engineering for various types of Civil Engineering projects. He has been a Director and Principal of Zaidun Leeng Sdn. Bhd., a Consulting Engineering firm. He is currently an Independent Geotechnical Consultant to several projects.

He is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Malaysia, Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, U.K. and a Registered Professional Engineer, Malaysia. He has published more than 100 papers many of which are dealing with various Soil and Foundation problems. He was a past President of the Southeast Asia Geotechnical Society in 1982-1985 and is currently an Executive Committee Member of the Society. He is past Overseas Representative of the Institution of Civil Engineers United Kingdom. He is a past President of the Institution of Engineers, Malaysia and past Chairman of its Geotechnical Technical Division. He was a Member of the Appeal Board of the Board of Engineers and Member of Board of Engineers Malaysia (1996-2000).

He delivered a Keynote lecture on Foundation in Limestone areas in the 8th Southeast Asian Geotechnical Conference in 1985 and was a Theme Lecturer on Foundations in the 9th Asian Regional Conference for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering in Bangkok in 1991. He delivered the Prof. Chin Memorial Lecture organised by the IEM/UM Engineering Alumni in 1992. He delivered a Special Lecture at the 13th Southeast Asian Geotechnical Conference in Taipei in 1998. In April 2000, he was elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences of Malaysia. Dr. Ting Wen Hui was the President of the Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society in 1982-1985.

Malaysian Geotechnical Society (MGS)

The Malaysian Geotechnical Society (MGS) was incorporated on March 14, 2013. The objective of the society is to promote the theory and good practice of geotechnical engineering and to foster the involvement of its members in national as well as international geotechnical activities. Ir Dr Ting Wen Hui is the Founder Chairman with Ir. Yee Yew Weng as General Secretary and Ir Dr Chan Sin Fatt as Deputy Chairman.

The inaugural meeting of MGS was held on June 6, 2013 at the Tan Sri. Prof. Chin Fung Kee Auditorium, Wisma IEM, Petaling Jaya. Membership is opened to all those registered Professional Engineers in The Board of Engineers, Malaysia (PEng BEM), and Members of The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (MIEM) who are interested and practising in the field of geotechnical engineering in Malaysia. MGS also admits others who are interested in geotechnical engineering as Associate members. At present, MGS has 71 members consisting of 51 Members (MMGS) and 20 Associate Members (AMMGS).



Photo 1 - MGS Inaugural General Meeting at PJ on June 6, 2013

At the 18ICSMGE held in September 2013 in Paris, the ISSMGE Board unanimously approved the application of MGS as a direct member and was formally accepted to become a member of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) in October 2013.

MGS has successfully organised the following national workshops and seminars:



Token Of Appreciation Presented to Dr. T.H. Seah By Ir. Dr. Chan Sin Fatt

**November 17, 2014 - One Day Seminar on "Foundation and Retaining Wall Design"
by Prof. Roger Frank & Prof. Brian Simpson**



The Speaker, Prof. Brian Simpson



The Speaker, Prof. Roger Frank

The General Committee of SEAGS in 1987 and those played a key role in the development of SEAGS are presented below.



8th SEAGC in KL in 1987



9th SEAGC in Bangkok 1987



SEAGC in Taipei



Lecturing in BKK in 2000



19th SEAGC in KL in May 2016

